(iv) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA);

(v) Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP); and

(vi) Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS).

These programmes would increase capital formation in Agriculture by public sector and also would induce the private sector to increase its investment in Agriculture.

Foodgrains/fruits production in Assam

1362. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target fixed for foodgrains/fruits production during the Tenth Five Year Plan in Assam;

(b) the details of the steps being taken by Government in this behalf; and

(c) the details of investment proposed to be made in the production of foodgrains/fruits in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Tenth Plan production Targets for food grains and fruits fixed by Government of Assam are given below:

Name of the Crop	Production Target (Lakh tonnes)
1. Rice	50.00
2. Wheat	10.00
3. Pulses	2.48
Total food grains	62.48
Fruit Crop	16.10

(b) The strategies proposed for achieving the above targets include expansion of irrigated area, increasing area under high yielding varieties of rice and multiple cropping, farm mechanization, increasing fertilizer consumption, increasing productivity of fruits and vegetables and development of homestead garden.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 298.70 crores has been proposed under Agriculture sector for 10th Plan period.

MSP of Agricultural Commodities

†1363. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been demanded by Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh that support price for agricultural produce may be announced one crop in advance;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on this demand from States;

(c) whether Government will take action for announcing support price one crop in advance this year as per the demand from the States; and

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, all efforts are made to announce the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of major agricultural commodities at the earliest before the sowing season. The MSPs announced by the Government are uniform all over the country.

Use of fly ash in Farming

1364. DR. AKHILESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Rao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth has successfully conducted an experiment to use fly ash for increasing crop yield;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.